

## 2008-2009 SEASON

On Saturday 2nd May 2009 the Branch Executive and staff travelled to Sydney for the SLSNSW Awards of Excellence. Congratulations to all nominees from the Hunter Branch, overall we had excellent results.

Special congratulations to the follow members who won their category or gained a High Commendation.

Category	Name	Club	Place
<b>Assessor</b>	Henry Scruton	Nobbys	Winner
<b>Facilitator</b>	Henry Scruton	Nobbys	Winner
<b>Coach</b>	Troy Blatchford		
<b>of the Year</b>	Matt Kent	Redhead	High Com.
<b>Junior Athlete</b>	Isaac Morgan	Redhead	Winner
<b>Team of the Year</b>	U/15 Male Water	Redhead	Winner
<b>Administrator</b>	Debbie Booth	TG/HN	High Com.
<b>Event of the Year</b>	Ducks for Dollar	Branch	Winner

To all Clubs holding their Annual Presentation Nights - we hope you have a great evening and congratulations on an excellent season.

The Annual Election of Officers took place on the 12th May 2009. We are pleased to welcome Grahame Lott as our new Director of Surf Sports. Thank you to Peta Purcell our outgoing Director.

John Waghorn was elected unopposed as Director of Finance, and Luke Wiseman was elected unopposed as Director of Lifesaving.

Hope you all have a great weekend.

## NOTICES:

Information for "End of Season 08/09" and "Start of Season 09/10" procedures on Surfguard please read [Circular 76/08-09](#)

**The Energy Australia Awards of Excellence** will be held on the 10th July 2009 at the Western Suburbs Leagues Club, New Lambton. Tickets have been distributed to all Clubs, so please see your President for an excellent night out. Cost: \$55 includes 3 course meal and entertainment.

**A reminder that nominations are now being called from Clubs for the Energy Australia Awards of Excellence. For more information on the Award Nomination Criteria** [Click Here](#)

**Attention Junior Organisers, Youth Development and Rookie Co-Ordinators** there will be a Member Services Meeting on the 25th May 2009 commencing at 6pm.

Could all Clubs please organise delegates for this meeting and RSVP to Kate 4961 4533

A 2009/2010 Calendar has been put on the website. This document is being updated continually [Click Here](#)

**SWANSEA BELMONT** - Are organising a Ski Trip leaving at 4.00pm 7th August 2009 Cost: \$350.00 Contact: Pete the Positive 4971 1209 (2 x Accom, 2 x Breakfast, 1 x Dinner)

## LIFESAVING:

**Clubs** are reminded that if they participate in any event outside of Surf Lifesaving, Water

safety, people power etc you **must** lodge a **Special Event Form** to cover your members with Insurance. These can be downloaded from our website MEMBERS - [Downloadable Forms](#)  
These forms are being updated on the 1st May 2009 we will put the new forms on the website as soon as we receive them

### **JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:**

Attention all 14 & 15 year olds: An exciting Youth Evening will be held on the 19th June 2009, introducing Hunter staff, Directors and meeting some of the Hunters Heroes. This will be a great opportunity to meet some of our Australian Gold Medallists and look over the headquarters of Hunter Branch Surf Lifesaving.

Nominations are now called from each Club to submit one Rookie Club Member to be nominated for "Rookie of the Year"

The Branch Rookie of the Year will be determined upon review of completed Rookie Passport, detailing Club commitments, carnivals and patrol hours.

In addition the award recipient will have taken an active role in the Rookie Challenge Day, and Club Youth Activities. Nominations are to be endorsed by Club Official and sent in to the Branch Office.

### **SENIOR FIRST AID:**

**Senior First Aid Courses** are being held at Redhead SLSC conducted by Scott & Sheree Young - Phone contact 0422 734 834

Names are being taken for a course to be held on the 20th May 2009 from 9am to 3pm

If your Club has sufficient numbers to complete a Senior First Aid Course/Refresher this can be arranged to be done at your Club.

**SLS NSW Training & Education Officer - Linda Miles** will conduct a Senior First Aid course on Friday 5th June 2009 commencing at 9am to be conducted at the Hunter Branch Office, Tighes Hill.

All enquiries for SLSNSW Training information please call directly to Linda on Mobile No: 0409 075 620

### **CIRCULARS AND MEMOS FROM SLSNSW:**

The following link to SLSNSW will allow members to keep updated with all the latest information: <http://www.surflifesaving.com.au/>

### **EDUCATION:**

Club Education Audits are still required from Fingal, Dixon Park, Merewether and Redhead, as per Board of Education minutes please return to Branch Office ASAP.

Thankyou to all the Trainers and Assessors for a fantastic year and hope to see you all on the beach next season.

**For further information on courses and meetings to be held at the Hunter Branch please check our website:**

**Registrations are needed for the following courses to take place as Resources have to be made up, please contact the Hunter Branch Office: 4961 4533 or email [info@hsls.org.au](mailto:info@hsls.org.au)**

**Certificate IV** - Commencing on the weekend of the 23rd & 24th May 2009 and takes place

over several weekends until August 2009 Registrations now open

**Spinal Management Course** - 19th October 2009

**Defibrillator Course** - 21st October 2009

**Basic Beach Management** - Please call the Branch Office to register your interest in this course, names will be taken and hopefully the next course will take place in 2009

**Trainers Course** - A Trainers course will take place at Fingal SLSC on the 13th June 2009 commencing at 9am. Registrations are now being taken

**Assessors Course** - TBA

**Advanced Emergency Care** - 2nd & 3rd November 2009

### **SURF SPORTS:**

The 2009 NSW IRB Premiership Series will be conducted at the following locations and dates:

Round 2 Pacific Palms SLSC

16th May 2009 (Entries close 5pm, 11th May)

Round 3 Elouera SLSC

30th May 2009 (Entries close 5pm, 25th May)

Round 4 Warilla-Barrack Point SLSC

13th & 14th June 2009 (Entries close 5pm, 8th June)

State Championships Towradgi SLSC

3rd, 4th & 5th July 2009 (Entries close 29 June 5pm)

**For all Surf Sports Information please check the Hunter Branch Website, as we are updating the site continually**